(b) if so, what are the main reasons for not supplying gas to the State, as for the commitment made by Government earlier to the State Government;

(c) whether it is also fact that the State Government is bearing huge "losses due to non-availability of gas to the Power Project; and

(d) if so, by when the supply of gas is likely to be made available to the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA); (a) to (d) It has been decided to take the entire gas from Mid and South Tapti to Hazira to meet the existing commitments at Hazira and along the HBJ Pipeline.

Allocation of Gag from Tapti Gas fields to Pipavan

3696. SHRI KANAKSINH MOHANSINH MANGROLA; Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AMD NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a decision has been taken in principle to allocate gas for the proposed Pipavav Power Plant, subject to the development of Tapti Off-shore Gas-fields;

(b). if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) if so, how much quantity cf gas is proposed to be allocated to Pipavav Power Project from Tapti Offl-shore Gas-fields and when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA); (a) to (c) If has been decided to take the entire gas from Mid and South Tapti to Hazira to meet the existing com. mitments at Hazira and along the HBJ Pipeline.

Tamper proof sealing of LPG Cylinders

3697. SYED SIBTEY RAZI-
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA;
SHRI GAYA SINGH;

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government have been requested including by the Delhi Govt, to provide tamper proof sealing devices on the LPG cylinders;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these requests are based on a large number of com. plaints of seizure of LPG cylinders containing lesser quantity of LPG;

(d) whether such offences are punishable under the laws;

(e) whether Government propose to take some immediate action on there requests;) and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA); (a) and (b) Two types namely PVC and Aluminium tamper-proof seals are being used by the LPG marketing companies Suggestions in this regard are received from time to time.

(c) No, Sir. Some complaints are, however, received.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) and (f) On receipt of comp laints in regard to supply of under weight cylinders, the same are in vestigated by the field officers of the oil companies. If the complaint is established the cylinder is replaced or proportionate cost refunded to the

customer as the case may be. In all established cases, action is taken against the erring distributor in line with the Marketing Discipline Guide. Ines.

Alleged collection of money by IOC Employees in Bihar

3698. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU;

SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Ques. tion 1249 given in the Rajya Saoha on the 14th December, 1994 and state

(a) wheter Auto Service Station cf Darbhanga, Bihar, an Indian Oil Re tail outlet, has complained to the District Magistrate Darbhanga with a copy to Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) Marketing Authorities, on the 7th February, 1995, regarding the threat from a section of employees of IOC for donation of a big amount in the name of Indian Oil Employees' Trust;

(b) whether another dealer of Begusarai, Bihar, vide hisletter dat ed the 17th February, 1995 to Chief quantity refills by LPG distribution ing, Patna Divisional Office, has also alleged that a section of employees demanded rupees one lac for const- ruction of a hospital under the above Trust;

(c) if so, whether IOC is still relying on the verbal enquiry as stated in the reply to the above-referred quetion and whether there is any provision of verbal enquiry in the certified Standing Order for employe. es; if so, how many such verbal en. quiries have been conducted so far; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons that in this case such an unusual mode of enquiry was preferred?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) There is no provision for verbal enquiry in the certified standing orders of the IOC. However, a preli. minary enquiry can be conducted to ascertain whether there is a *prima facie* case warranting further action.

(d) In this case, a committee of three senior officers was constituted for enquiring into the allegations. However, no *prima facie* case was established.

Complaints regarding supply of less quantity refilis, by LPG distributor.

3699. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that complaints from LPG consumers about supply of lesser quantity refills by the LPG distributors are continuing to be reneived by the oil companies;

(b) if so, the details of such *com*-. plaints received during the last three years, year wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that suggestions have been received even from some State Governments that LPG delivery persons should carry weighing device;

(d) if so, the reaction of Government, to such suggestions; and

(e) the details of steps taken by Government to prevent pilferage of LPG from refills and ensure its supply to consumers with correct measures?-

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND. NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA); (a) and (b) The details of established complaints regarding supply of under weight cylinders received by Government